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GEORGGII III.
REGIS

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
VICESIMO SECUNDO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the
Thirty-first Day of *October*, *Anno Domini* 1780, in the
Twenty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Bri-*
tain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-
seventh Day of *November*, 1781; being the Second Session of the
Fifteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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An Act for enabling His Majesty to discharge the Debt contracted upon His Civil List Revenues; and for preventing the same from being in Arrear for the future, by regulating the Mode of Payments out of the said Revenues, and by suppressing or regulating certain Offices therein mentioned, which are now paid out of the Revenues of the Civil List.



WHEREAS His Majesty, from His Preamble.
paternal Regard to the Welfare of His faithful People, from His Desire to discharge the Debt on His Civil List, without any new Burthen to the Publick, for preventing the Growth of a like Debt for the future, as well as for introducing a better Order and Economy in the Civil List Establishments, and for the better Security of the Liberty and Independency of Parliament, has been pleased to order, that the Office commonly called or known by the Name of Third Secretary of State, or

Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Office of Establishment commonly known by the Name and Description of The Board of Trade and Plantations; the Offices of Lords of Police in Scotland; the principal Officers of the Board of Works; the principal Officers of the Great Wardrobe; the principal Officers of the Jewel Office; the Treasurer of the Chamber; the Cofferer of the Household; the Offices of the Six Clerks of the Board of Green Cloth; the Office of Paymaster of the Pensions; the Office of Master of the Harriers and Fox Pounds; and also the Office of Master of the Stag Pounds, should be suppressed: Wherefore, for carrying His Majesty's said gracious Order into Execution, may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Office commonly called or known by the Name of Third Secretary of State, or Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Office of Establishment commonly called The Board of Trade and Plantations; the Offices of the Lords and Gentlemen of Police in Scotland; the principal Officers of the Board of Works; the principal Officers of the Great Wardrobe; the principal Officers of the Jewel Office; the Treasurer of the Chamber; the Cofferer of the Household; the Offices of the Six Clerks of the Board of Green Cloth; the Office of Paymaster of the Pensions; the Offices of the Master of the Harriers, the Master of the Fox Pounds, and the Master of the Stag Pounds; and all and every of the Offices aforesaid, together with certain of the Offices dependent on or connected with the same, of which a List shall be entered in the Exchequer, by Certificate from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, on or before the Tenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, (which List the said Lords Commissioners are hereby directed to cause to be entered as aforesaid), shall be, and are hereby utterly suppressed, abolished, and taken away.

From the passing of this Act, certain Offices, herein specified, shall be suppressed.

II. And it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Office of the same Name, Nature, Description, or Purpose, of those hereby abolished, shall be established hereafter, the same is and shall be deemed and taken as a new Office, to all Constructions, Intents, and Purposes whatsoever.

Any similar Office hereafter established, shall be deemed a new Office.

III. And, for the necessary Payment of Persons hitherto paid in any of the Offices by this Act suppressed, and the Execution of the Duty done or performed by the same; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to issue and pay, or cause to be issued and paid, all such Sum or Sums of Money as are or shall be due and owing to any Person or Persons, on account of His Majesty's Civil Government, on or before the Twentieth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, in the same Manner, and by the Persons who have last held the Offices by or under which the same have been usually issued and paid, or by such Persons as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall appoint and direct to pay the same.

Commissioners of the Treasury to pay all Money due on the Civil List on or before July 20, 1782.

IV. And whereas a new and deconomical Plan is intended to be adopted and take place, pursuant to His Majesty's gracious Intentions, be it therefore enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to direct such Person or Persons as they shall think most fit and capable, to prepare, make up, and lay before them, for their Approbation, Methods accommodated to the several Reforms and Alterations in this Act made, and to appoint or continue in Office such Officers as they shall judge most fit and proper for carrying such Plans into Execution, under the Direction of the Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Master of the Horse, and any other principal Officer, to whom the said Officers shall severally be subordinate; and the said Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Master of the Horse, and such other principal Officer, shall regularly, within the Space of fifteen

Directions for carrying into Execution an economical Plan, pursuant to His Majesty's gracious Intentions.

Days after each and every Quarter Day, make out, or cause to be made out, an Estimate of all the several Articles of Expence of His Majesty's Civil Government, within their distinct Departments; which shall, after being inspected, and approved by the said Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Master of the Horse, and such other principal Officer, be presented to the said Commissioners of the Treasury; and which Estimate of Expence shall not be exceeded (except as is herein-after excepted and specially provided for) above five thousand Pounds, in any of those Departments in any One Year, without sufficient Reasons, to be produced to the said Commissioners of the Treasury, for increasing the same; and upon the Expiration of the Quarter, the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall direct so much of the Monies of the Civil List Revenues to be issued at the Receipt of the Exchequer to the said Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Master of the Horse, or such other principal Officer, or to any Person or Persons appointed for that Purpose by the said Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Master of the Horse, or such other principal Officer, with the Consent and Approbation of the Commissioners of the Treasury, as shall be sufficient to satisfy and pay the Whole of the Expence incurred in such Quarter, which shall be by him distributed to and among the several Persons who shall be intitled to receive the same.

The Court of Virge, with all its lawful Jurisdiction and Powers, preserved.

V. And be it enacted and declared, That the Abolition of the Office of the Clerks of the Green Cloth shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to take away, or in any respect to derogate from the Jurisdiction which may now be lawfully exercised by the Court commonly called The Court of Virge, or The Green Cloth, but that the same may be held and exercised; and it is hereby enacted, That the same shall be held and exercised, with all the accustomed lawful Jurisdiction, Powers, and Privileges belonging to the same, without any of the Clerks of the Green Cloth, whose Office is by this Act taken away; any Statute, Law, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

VI. And

VI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all His Majesty's Buildings which have been hitherto under the Management of the Board of Works, shall be under the Direction of some One Person, who shall be constituted and appointed by His Majesty, during His Royal Pleasure, Surveyor or Comptroller of His Majesty's Works, (the said Surveyor or Comptroller being bona fide by Profession an Architect or Builder), with such Officers and Clerks under him as His Majesty shall from Time to Time direct and appoint.

His Majesty's Buildings to be under the Direction of a Surveyor or Comptroller, to be appointed by His Majesty.

VII. And be it enacted, That all the Royal Gardens shall be under the Direction of a Person who shall be appointed by His Majesty, during His Majesty's Pleasure, Surveyor or Comptroller of the King's Gardens, with such Gardeners and others under him, as His Majesty shall authorize and appoint, (the said Surveyor of Gardens, in like Manner, being by Profession a Gardener, or Improver of Grounds): And the said Surveyors or Comptrollers of His Majesty's Works or Gardens, or either of them, during the holding of the said Offices, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, incapable of being elected into, or of sitting and voting in Parliament.

The Royal Gardens to be under the Direction of a Surveyor or Comptroller, to be appointed by His Majesty.

VIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following Rule and Method shall hereafter be observed, with regard to all Works which might heretofore have been done by the Board of Works, for His Majesty's Service; (that is to say), That if His Majesty shall order any new Building, Work, or Repair, the Expence of which shall exceed the Sum of One thousand Pounds, the Plan (if in such Works a Plan shall be usual) and an Estimate of the Expence of the same, shall be laid before the Lord Chamberlain; and if the said Estimate shall appear reasonable, Reference being had to the Works ordered as aforesaid by His Majesty, the same shall be by him certified to the Commissioners of the Treasury; and if the said Commissioners approve of the said Estimate, they may and shall (if His Majesty, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, shall so direct) authorize the said Surveyor or Architect to

Directions relative to the Execution of new Buildings or Repairs.

to execute the same; and if the Estimate of the said Work shall be likely to exceed the Sum of five thousand Pounds in the Whole, the said Commissioners of the Treasury may and shall direct the said Surveyor to contract for the Execution of the said Work; and, so often as it shall appear expedient to the said Surveyor or Comptroller of Buildings, or that he shall receive Orders from the Lord Chamberlain for that Purpose, he may and shall report upon and controul the Execution of the said Work in all its Parts, and at all Times during the Progress thereof: Provided always, That it shall not be lawful for the said Surveyor, Architect, or Builder, to make any Contract as aforesaid conclusively, until the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of the Treasury, nor to make any Addition to the Expence exceeding One thousand Pounds above the Plan or Estimate, until the same shall be approved by the said Commissioners of the Treasury.

Commissioners of the Treasury, before Payment for any such Works, may order the same to be surveyed.

IX. And be it enacted, That if, on Complaint made to the Commissioners of the Treasury, or if otherwise they shall see Cause, it shall and may be lawful, before any Payment upon Account of any Works as aforesaid be made, for the Commissioners of the Treasury to order the said Work to be surveyed by a Builder of Credit not concerned in any of the Publick Works; who shall be called in, and allowed One Pound per Day for his Trouble, and shall certify to the said Commissioners of the Treasury, upon Oath, (which Oath the said Commissioners are hereby authorised and required to administer), that the Work hath been executed, as far as the same hath proceeded, in a workmanlike and durable Manner, and with good and durable Materials: And in case the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall not be satisfied with the Expence or Goodness of the Works, they shall, and are hereby authorised to make such Delay or Abatement as, on such their Enquiry, shall appear just and expedient; any Thing in this Act contained, or any Law or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

X. And

X. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Works, the Expence whereof shall be under One thousand Pound, the said Surveyor shall, previous to his receiving any Payment, produce Vouchers of his Expences actually made, together with the Grounds and Reasons for his having incurred the said Expences, to the said Lord Chamberlain, who (if he shall approve the same) shall certify the Whole of the Charge to the Treasury from Time to Time for Payment.

Where Expences shall be under 1,000 *l.* Vouchers to be produced to the Lord Chamberlain.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Lord Chamberlain shall keep an Account of all Clerks and Workmen constantly or ordinarily employed in the Royal Palaces, and shall, Once in every Month, certify to the Treasury their Numbers and Wages, in order that a Monthly Payment may be made to them.

Clerks, &c. in the Royal Palaces, to be paid monthly.

XII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no new Works in His Majesty's Parks or Gardens, the Expence of which may exceed in the Whole Five hundred Pounds above the ordinary Charge, (an Account of which ordinary Charge is hereby directed to be laid quarterly before the Commissioners of the Treasury), shall be undertaken or performed without an Order under His Majesty's Sign Manual, and without an Estimate approved and ordered to be executed by the said Commissioners of the Treasury, who shall issue, or cause to be issued, the Money for the Execution of the same, as well as for the said ordinary Charge; which is hereby directed to be paid Once a Month to the Surveyor of His Majesty's Gardens.

No new Works in His Majesty's Parks, &c. above a limited Sum, to be undertaken without an Order from His Majesty.

XIII. And be it hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Furniture, Pictures, Plate, and all other Moveables whatsoever, formerly under the Care and Management of the Office of Great Wardrobe, or other Wardrobe or Jewel Office, or any of them, shall be hereafter committed to the Care and Management of the Lord Chamberlain.

Furniture, Plate, &c. to be under the Management of the Lord Chamberlain.

XIV. And it is hereby enacted and provided, That whenever His Majesty shall be pleased to order, for the Use of any of His Majesty's Palaces, or for any other House, any of such Furniture or Goods as were formerly

Work formerly under the Direction of the Great Wardrobe, how to be executed.

under the Direction of the Office of Great Wardrobe, or any such other Work to be done as formerly was done by or under the Direction of the said Wardrobe, the same shall be done and executed (so far as regards the previous Estimate and subsequent Controul and Account) in the Manner by this Act directed for Works undertaken by the Surveyor of the Buildings.

The Business heretofore done by the Board of Trade, to be executed by a Committee of the Privy Council.

XV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Duty and Business done, or which might legally be done, by the late Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, and all Authorities, Powers, and Jurisdictions, given to the said Commissioners, by any Act or Acts of Parliament, may and shall be held and exercised under the former Directions and Trusts by any Committee or Committees of His Majesty's Privy Council, which His Majesty shall be pleased to direct and appoint, during His Royal Pleasure, without any Salary, Fee, or Pension, to the Members thereof, for holding and exercising the same.

Publick Money under the Management of the Lords of Trade and Police in Scotland, to be under the Management of the Convention of Royal Burghs.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sums of publick Money, that now are in the Disposition or under the Management of the Lords of Trade and Police in Scotland, be, and the same are hereby directed to be under the Management and in the Disposal of the Convention of Royal Burghs in Scotland, with the same Powers, and under the same Limitations and Trusts, by which the same now are or may be disposed and managed.

Regulations relative to granting of Pensions.

XVII. And, for the better Regulation of the granting of Pensions, and the Prevention of Abuse or Excess therein, be it enacted, That, from and after the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, no Pension, exceeding the Sum of Three hundred Pounds a Year, shall be granted to or for the Use of any One Person; and that the whole Amount of the Pensions granted in any One Year, shall not exceed Six hundred Pounds; a List of which, together with the Names of the Persons to whom the same are granted, shall be laid before Parliament in Twenty Days after the Beginning of each Session, until the whole Pension List shall be reduced

reduced to Ninety thousand Pounds; which Sum it shall not be lawful to exceed by more than Five thousand Pounds in the Whole of all the Grants: Nor shall any Pension, to be granted after the said Reduction, to or for the Use of any One Person, exceed the Sum of One thousand two hundred Pounds yearly, except to His Majesty's Royal Family, or on an Address of either House of Parliament.

XVIII. And whereas it hath been usual that Persons who have served the Crown in foreign Courts have, after the Expiration of their Service, at His Majesty's Pleasure, received such Proportion of their former Appointments as to His Majesty hath seemed expedient; be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained relative to Pensions, shall be construed to extend to such Allowance, either in present or in future; provided the said Persons do not severally enjoy some Place or other Profit from the Crown, to the Amount of the Pension usually allowed in such Cases; provided that the List of the said Pensions shall be laid, in the Manner before mentioned, before Parliament.

Not to extend to Persons who have served the Crown in Foreign Courts.

XIX. And whereas much Confusion and Expence did arise from having Pensions paid at various Places, and by various Persons; and a Custom hath prevailed of granting Pensions on a private List during His Majesty's Pleasure, upon a Supposition that in some Cases it may not be expedient for the Publick Good to divulge the Names of the Persons in the said List, or that it may be disagreeable to the Persons receiving such Payments to have it known that their Distresses are so relieved, or for saving the Expence of Fees and Cares on small Pensions; by Means of which said Usage, secret and dangerous Corruption may hereafter be practised: And whereas it is no Disparagement for any Persons to be relieved by the Royal Bounty in their Distress, or for their Desert, but, on the contrary, it is honourable, on just Cause, to be thought worthy of Reward: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Pension whatsoever, on the Civil Establishment, shall hereafter be paid but at the Exchequer, and in the same Manner

All Pensions on the Civil List to be paid at the Exchequer.

Manner as those Pensions which are now paid and entered at the Exchequer, under the Head, Title, and Description of Pensions; and with the Name of the Person to whom, or in Trust for whom, the said Pension is granted; and that those which are transferred thither by this Act shall be subject to no Taxes or Fees whatsoever, except the Taxes and Fees to which before this Act they were subject; any Statute, Law, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding: Nor shall any Pension hereafter to be granted be charged at the Exchequer with further or other Fees than were heretofore paid on Pensions to the Paymaster of the Pensions.

Proviso.

XX. Provided, That nothing herein contained shall restrain, or be construed to restrain, the High Treasurer, or First Commissioner of the Treasury, for the Time being, by His Majesty's Consent, from taking away, or causing to be taken away, from the private List or Lists of Pensions, the Names and Pensions of any Person or Persons which at present are entered on the said private List or Lists, or any of them.

High Treasurer, &c. may return into the Exchequer any Pension, without the Name of the Pensioner, on taking the following Oath;

XXI. Provided also, That it shall and may be lawful for the High Treasurer, or First Commissioner of the Treasury for the Time being, to return into the Exchequer any Pension or Annuity, without the Name of the Person to whom the same is payable, on taking an Oath before the Barons of the Exchequer, or One Baron of the Exchequer, or before the Cursitor Baron, in the Form following:

I A. B. do swear, That, according to the best of my Knowledge, Belief, and Information, the Pension or Pensions, or Annuity or Annuities, returned without a Name by me into the Exchequer, is or are not, directly or indirectly, for the Benefit, Use, or Behoof, of any Member of the House of Commons, or, so far as I am concerned, applicable, directly or indirectly, to the Purpose of supporting or procuring an Interest in any Place returning Members to Parliament.

So help me GOD.

XXII. And it is hereby enacted, That on taking the said Oath, the Pension or Pensions, Annuity or Annuities aforesaid, shall be paid at the Exchequer to the Order of the High Treasurer, or First Commissioner of the Treasury, for the Time being, and his Receipt shall be accepted and taken as an Acquittance for the same.

which Pension, &c. shall be paid to his Order.

XXIII. Provided further, and be it enacted, That if any such secret Pension shall continue in the said List for more than Five Years, the High Treasurer, or First Commissioner of the Treasury, or One of the Secretaries, or One of the Chief Clerks of the Treasury, for the Time being, shall make Oath, before such Pension shall be paid at the Exchequer, that he does believe that the Person for whose Use the said Pension or Annuity hath been granted is living.

Oath to be taken when any secret Pension shall continue in the List more than Five Years.

XXIV. And, for preventing as much as may be all Abuses in the Disposal of Monies issued under the Head of Secret Service Money, or Money for Special Service; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful to issue or imprest from the Exchequer, or order to be paid by a Treasury Warrant, or under Sign Manual, or otherwise, to any Secretary or Secretaries of the Treasury, or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, from the Civil List Revenues, for the Purpose of Secret Service within this Kingdom, any Sum or Sums of Money which in the Whole shall exceed the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds in any One Year.

Payment of Secret Service Money restricted.

XXV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when it shall be deemed expedient by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the High Treasurer, for the Time being, to issue, or in any Manner to direct the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money from the Civil List Revenues, for foreign Secret Service, the same shall be issued and paid to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or to the First Commissioner of the Admiralty; and the said Secretary or Secretaries of State, or First Commissioner of the Admiralty, shall, for his Discharge at the Exchequer, within Three Years from the issuing the said Money, produce the Receipt of His Majesty's Minister, Commissioner, or

Clause relative to Foreign Secret Service Money.

Consul, in Foreign Parts, or of any Commander in Chief or other Commander of His Majesty's Navy or Land Forces, to whom the said Money shall have been sent or given, that the same hath been received for the Purpose for which the same hath been issued; which said Receipt shall, and is hereby directed to be filed in the Exchequer, in order to charge the said Minister, Commissioner, Consul, or Commander of His Majesty's Land or Sea Forces, with the same; and the said Receipt, on Proof of the Hand Writing, shall be sufficient to acquit and discharge the said Secretary or Secretaries, or First Commissioner of the Admiralty, in their said Account at the Exchequer.

Foreign Ministers, &c. to account for such Money within a Year after their Arrival in Great Britain.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That any Foreign Minister, Consul, or Commander of His Majesty's Land or Sea Forces, who shall stand charged at the Exchequer for or by Reason of any Secret Service Money by him received, shall stand discharged and acquitted thereof, if, within One Year after his Arrival in Great Britain, he shall either return the said Money into the Exchequer, or make Oath before the Barons of the Exchequer, or One of them, in the Form following:

I A. B. do swear, That I have disbursed the Money, intrusted to me for Foreign Secret Service, faithfully, according to the Intent and Purpose for which it was given, according to my best Judgement, for His Majesty's Service.

So help me G O D.

Secretaries of State, &c. making Payment of any Secret Service Money, shall be sworn as to the Disposal thereof.

XXVII. Provided always, That whenever it shall be necessary for the Principal Secretary or Secretaries of State, or First Commissioner of the Admiralty, to make Payment of any Money issued for Foreign Secret Service, or for Secret Service in detecting, preventing, or defeating, treasonable or other dangerous Conspiracies against the State in any Place within this Kingdom, then it shall be sufficient to acquit and discharge the said Secretary or Secretaries, or First Commissioner of the Admiralty, for such Secretary or Secretaries, or the

Under Secretary of State in the Office to which such Secret Service Money hath been paid, or for the first Commissioner of the Admiralty, or the Secretary of the Admiralty, to make Oath, before the Barons of the Exchequer, or One of them, or before the Cursitor Baron, in the Form following :

I *A. B.* do swear, That the Money paid to me for Foreign The Oath.
Secret Service, or for Secret Service in detecting, preventing, or defeating, treasonable, or other dangerous Conspiracies against the State, [*mutatis mutandis, as the Case may be,*] has been *bona fide* applied to the said Purpose or Purposes, and to no other ; and that it hath not appeared to me convenient to the State that the same should be paid Abroad.

So help me G O D.

XXVIII. And, to avoid all Confusion in Accounts relative to the said Secret Service, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the certain stated Sums of Money now paid to His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under the Name of Secret Service Money, but which are commonly reputed and employed as Part of the Salary of the said Office, be no longer entered or paid under that Description or for that Account ; but the same, for so long as His Majesty shall please to continue the Whole or any Part thereof, shall be given under the Name of Salary, Fee, or Allowance : And that hereafter no certain or stated Sum be given or allowed for the said Secret Service out of His Majesty's Civil List Revenues ; but, when any Monies for Secret Service shall be deemed necessary by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the same shall be issued, by their Direction, to the Officer or Officers aforesaid, as the Occasion shall require, according as is herein-before directed and provided.

No stated Sum to be allowed for Secret Service Money.

XXIX, And be it enacted, That whenever any Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued for the Purpose of any Special Service, or shall be given without Provision of annual or other stated Payment, but in a gross Sum or Sums issued for any special Service, etc. to be entered in a Book.
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Sums, as to any Secretary or Secretaries of the Treasury, or others, to be paid over to or for the Use of any Person or Persons for Special Service, or as of Royal Bounty, the said Sum or Sums of Money, together with the special Service or Services, or as Royal Bounty, to which the same is or are applied, as also the Name of the Person or Persons to whom the said Money for Service or of Bounty as aforesaid is paid, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in the Treasury, in order to be produced to either House of Parliament, if required.

Grants of Royal Bounty, when to be reputed Pensions.

XXX. And, for the better Prevention of all Practices by which such Grants as of Bounty may be made a Colour under which Pensions may be substantially granted, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, it is hereby enacted, That any Sum or Sums of Money so given as of Royal Bounty, to any Person more than Once in Three Years, the same is and shall be reputed a Pension or Pensions to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

The Payments of the Civil List Revenues to be divided into regular Classes.

XXXI. And whereas the Establishment of an invariable Order in the Payment of Salaries and other Charges on the Civil List, will enable those who have the Charge thereof the better to provide for the several Services to which the said Civil List Revenues ought to be applied, and will be the Means to prevent the incurring of Debt for the future, and the following Order seems just and equitable for that Purpose; that is to say; First, The Pensions and Allowances of the Royal Family; Secondly, The Payment of the Salaries of the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Judges of the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, and Barons of the Exchequer, the Chief Justice of Chester, and the Justices of the Courts of Great Session in the Principality of Wales; Thirdly, The Salaries of the Ministers to Foreign Courts, being resident at the said Courts; Fourthly, The approved Bills of all Tradesmen, Artificers, and Labourers, for any

any Articles supplied, or Work done, for His Majesty's Service; Fifthly, The menial Servants in His Majesty's Household; Sixthly, The Pension List, beginning with the smallest Pensions; Seventhly, The Salaries of all other Places payable out of the Civil List Revenues, beginning with the lowest; Eighthly, The Salaries and Pensions of the High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Treasury shall, on or before the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, draw out a Plan of the Establishments and Payments of the said Civil List Revenues in Classes, according to the Order herein mentioned, arranging by Estimate the Expence of each Class, and of each individual Office in each Class; and that such Plan shall be signed by the said Commissioners, and deposited with the Clerk of the House of Commons, on or before the said Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and that, from and after the said Fifth Day of April, all Sums of Money which shall become due and payable out of the said Civil List Revenues, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be paid in the Order and according to the Plan herein mentioned.

XXXII. And it is hereby enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury to direct the Payment of any Salary or Pension whatsoever; to be made under Sign Manual or otherwise, until the Bills, Salaries, and Pensions of all those who are entitled, according to the foregoing Order, are first discharged, or Cash set apart in the Exchequer sufficient to answer the whole Demand in the preceding Classes; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the Commissioners of the Treasury from ordering all occasional Payments, for which Warrants are usually granted at the Treasury, and which are not comprehended in the Classes and Descriptions aforesaid, to be made according to their Discretion, and as the Circumstances of the Case may in their Judgement require.

No Pension,
etc. to be paid
out of Course.

Salaries, &c.
in Arrear for
Two Years to
be extinguish-
ed.

XXXIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, if any Salary, Fee, or Pension, or any Part thereof, shall remain in Arrear at the usual Time of Payment, at the End of a Period of Two Years, from Want of Cash belonging to the Civil List Revenue to pay and discharge the same, the said Arrear of Salary, Fee, or Pension, shall not be carried as a Debt to the Account of the Year following, but shall be wholly lapsed and extinguished, as if the same had not been payable.

Fees payable
to be disposed
of by the
Commission-
ers of the
Treasury.

XXXIV. And whereas it is intended that all Savings from Salaries and Fees of the Offices by this Act suppressed, should be applied in Aid of the Civil List Expenses, which are necessary, and which, by the Appropriation hereafter made, are in some Measure freightened, be it enacted, That all Fees hitherto payable, and by this Act not excepted, on any Payments within the Civil List Revenues, do still continue to be paid, and remain for the Disposal of the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Books to be
kept for the
Charges of
each Class.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury shall cause a regular Book or Books to be kept, for the Charges of each of the Classes and Articles aforesaid, distinctly and apart; and it is hereby directed, that the Result of Payment in the said several Books contained shall, in an orderly Manner, and according to the usual Method in which said Accounts are kept, be entered in a separate Book at the End of each Year, and the same being opposed to the Receipt of the Civil List Cash, a Balance shall be struck upon the Whole.

Provision to
be made for
Persons hold-
ing Patent
Places, &c.

XXXVI. And whereas, upon abolishing the several Offices suppressed by this Act, sundry Persons, who may have held their Offices by Patent for Life, or may have legally, or according to the Course of Office, purchased the same for a valuable Consideration, and may suffer Hardship by the Suppression thereof: And whereas others, though not within the same Description, who have diligently and faithfully executed their several sub-
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ordinate Offices for His Majesty's Service, and by such Suppression will be reduced to distressful or indigent Circumstances; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Treasury may, and they are hereby impowered, to allow to every Person severally who holds his Office by Patent for Life, or who has purchased his Place in the Manner before mentioned, an Annuity equal to the legal Emoluments of his said Office; and also to allow to other Persons in the subordinate Offices aforesaid, upon Examination into the Circumstances and Behaviour of the said Persons, such Annuities severally as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall think equitable and just, for the Support and Maintenance of such Person or Persons, until he or they shall be provided for in His Majesty's Service, according to his or their Abilities and Merit.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatever is directed by this Act to be done or transacted by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, may be, and the same is hereby required and directed to be done and transacted by the High Treasurer for the Time being, or by such Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them; and all Powers and Authorities whatsoever, by this Act granted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, are hereby also declared to be vested in the High Treasurer for the Time being, and in such Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them.

Powers granted by this Act to the Commissioners of the Treasury, shall be vested in the High Treasurer for the Time being.

XXXVIII. And whereas there was due and owing on the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the Expence of His Majesty's Civil Government, the Sum of Two hundred ninety-five thousand eight hundred and seventeen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Four-pence Farthing: And whereas it is expedient, and may facilitate the Introduction of a proper Economy in the future Management of the Civil List Revenues, that the said Sum of Two hundred ninety-five thousand eight hundred and seventeen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and

Recital of the Civil List Debt on April 5, 1782.

and Four-pence Farthing, should be paid and discharged with all possible Speed, and that the Increase of Debts on His Majesty's Civil Establishment should be prevented for the future; And whereas it hath been resolved, That a Sum not exceeding Three hundred thousand Pounds be raised for paying off and discharging the Debts due and owing upon the Civil List on the said Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two: Now, to the End that no Want or Failure may happen or be made in such Grant, and the Application of the same, and for the better supplying the said Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds in the most effectual Manner for the Purposes aforesaid; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of the Treasury, by their Warrant or Warrants, to direct or cause to be prepared and made at the Exchequer any Number of Exchequer Bills, in the same Manner, Form, or Order, and according to the same or like Rules or Directions, as in and by an Act of this present Session of Parliament, (intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two), are enacted and prescribed concerning the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of the said Act, and to be made forth for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think most proper and convenient, so as all the Principal Monies to be contained in the said Bills, to be made by virtue of this Act, do not exceed in the Whole the said Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds.

Exchequer
Bills to be
made out for
Payment
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All the Pro-
visoes, &c. re-
lative to Ex-
chequer Bills
in the Land
Tax Act of
this Session,
extended to
those made in
pursuance of
this Act.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Clauses, Provisoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, contained in the said Act, (intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two), relating to the Exchequer Bills authorised to be made by the same Act, (except such Clauses as do charge the same on the Taxes granted

granted by the same Act, and except such Clauses as limit the Rate of Interest to be paid for the forbearance of Money lent on the Credit of the said Act), shall be applied and extended to the Exchequer Bills to be made in pursuance of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Exchequer Bills had been originally authorised by the said last-mentioned Act, or as if the said several Clauses or Provisions had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act; and the Commissioners of the Treasury are hereby authorised and impowered to cause the said Exchequer Bills, to be made out as aforesaid, to be placed as so much Cash in the Chests of the respective Tellers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, and to direct the said Tellers to issue Money for the Purposes of this Act in lieu thereof.

XL. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Exchequer Bills which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and all the Charges and Expences incident to or attending the same, in any Manner whatsoever, shall be charged and chargeable upon, and payable out of, the Hereditary and Temporary Revenues, and any other the Duties and Revenues which do or shall compose the Fund commonly called The Aggregate Fund, or any of them, (after paying, or reserving sufficient to pay, all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same, except the Payments directed thereout by the Acts of the First and Seventeenth Years of His present Majesty's Reign), but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may be hereafter charged upon or payable out of the said Fund.

The said Bills to be charged on the Aggregate Fund.

XLI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be regularly set apart and applied, at the Receipt of the Exchequer, out of the said Duties and Revenues composing the said Fund commonly called The Aggregate Fund, the Sum of Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds on each and every quarterly Day of Payment in the Year; (that is to say), The Sum of Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds on the Tenth Day of

12,500 £. to be applied, quarterly, out of the Aggregate Fund, towards paying off the said Bills.

October; Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds on the Fifth Day of January; Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds on the Fifth Day of April; and Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds on the Fifth Day of July; (the First quarterly Payment to be applied and made on the Tenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two); for and towards paying off, cancelling, and discharging the said Exchequer Bills, until the whole Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, to be raised in Manner aforesaid, with the Charges attending the same, shall be completely paid off, cancelled, and discharged: And the said Sum of Twelve thousand five hundred Pounds, so to be set apart, issued, and paid each Quarter for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be deemed, taken, and understood to be in Diminution of the respective Annuities of Eight hundred thousand Pounds, and of One hundred thousand Pounds, granted to His Majesty out of the said Duties and Revenues, by the said Acts of the First and Seventeenth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain; but in case of the Demise of His Majesty (whom God long preserve!) before the Whole of the said Exchequer Bills, amounting to Three hundred thousand Pounds, be cancelled and discharged, then such of the said Bills as shall remain uncanceled shall, from the Quarter Day next preceding such Demise, be charged and chargeable upon, and be paid and payable out of, the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown.

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